



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I ask You to help me put aside fear and to believe that You will protect me as I follow Your call on my life. I know that You would never give me an assignment that You didn't think I could do. The fact that You've asked me to take this path means You are confident that I am capable of succeeding. Naturally speaking, I would feel fear at the prospect of taking such a step of faith. So please help me to permanently put away that fear and to trust that the Holy Spirit will carefully lead me past every danger and risk that lies along the way, in Jesus' name.

Amen

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Scripture

Revelation 20

Revelation 20:1-15 (AMP)

1 THEN I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand. 2 And he gripped and overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and [securely] bound him for a thousand years. 3 Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray and deceive and seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time. 4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years. 5 The remainder of the dead were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed (happy, to be envied) and holy (spiritually whole, of unimpaired innocence and proved virtue) is the person who takes part (shares) in the first resurrection! Over them the second death exerts no power or authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ (the Messiah), and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his place of confinement, 8 And he will go forth to deceive and seduce and lead astray the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth—Gog and Magog—to muster them for war; their number is like the sand of the sea. 9 And they swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and encircled the fortress (camp) of God's people (the saints) and the beloved city; but fire descended from heaven and consumed them. 10 Then the devil who had led them astray [deceiving and seducing them] was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (through the ages of the ages).

11 Then I saw a great white throne and the One Who was seated upon it, from Whose presence and from the sight of Whose face earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 I [also] saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged (sentenced) by what they had done [their whole way of feeling and acting, their aims and endeavors] in accordance with what was recorded in the books. 13 And the sea delivered up the dead who were in it, death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) surrendered the dead in them, and all were tried and their cases determined by what they had done [according to their motives, aims, and works]. 14 Then death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's [name] was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire.

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Revelation 20. The 1000 Years ("Millennium")

The only actual mention of the "thousand-year" reign of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords in the Bible is in this chapter. However, there are passages throughout the Bible that allude to this time of peace when Christ will dwell on earth—for example, Isaiah 11:6 : "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,... and a little child will lead them." Some believers understand the 1000 years to refer to one of the ages of eternity, after the physical order of existence has passed. Other believers think that the Millennium will be an age of blessedness in this world, either exactly 1000 years or a long period of time. This most certainly must be true, or hundreds of the Bible's prophecies cannot be fulfilled—consider the Old Testament prophecies regarding the future glorious state of Israel (see Genesis 49 and Deuteronomy 33).

Three Approaches to the Subject of the Millennium

Amillennialism ..This approach suggests that the millennium represents the current reign of the redeemed saints with Christ in heaven. It is thought that the present-day form of God's kingdom will be followed by Christ's return, a general resurrection, and the final White Throne Judgment. After this, Christ will continue to reign over the perfect new heaven and new earth for an eternity. In this approach, the 1000 years is figurative and represents an eternal amount of time.

Premillennialism:...This approach (which is the main approach used in this commentary) suggests that the present form of God's kingdom is rapidly approaching the glorious return of Christ, which will occur after a seven-year period of tribulation. With Christ's return, Satan will be bound in the Abyss, and the first resurrection will occur. All the redeemed saints in heaven will return to the earth with Christ to reign with Him for a literal 1 000 years. This millennial period will be characterized predominately by peace—at least initially. As the millennial period progresses, the earth will become repopulated with people who have free will. Over time, people's self-confidence and pride will harden their hearts. God will loose Satan for a short time at the end of the 1000 years. Satan will make one last effort to war with God. God will strike Satan and all who have joined to fight Him with a fire that devours them. God will throw Satan into the lake of burning sulfur to be tormented eternally. This is followed by the White Throne Judgment and a second resurrection of the millennial-age saints. Finally, God will establish a new heaven and new earth, where He will dwell with His people forever.

Postmillennialism:...This approach assumes that eventually the world will be Christianized—in other words, all the world's people will accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. This will result in a long period of world peace called the Millennium. This glorious period of time will be followed by Christ's second coming, the resurrection of the dead, the White Throne Judgment and the establishment of an eternal new heaven and new earth.

An argument to be made for the validity of an earthly millennial reign of Christ is something Jesus Himself said: "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matthew 19:28). Also, Peter said, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets" (Acts 3:19–21). Both of these passages refer to renewing something, to bringing it back to its former state. It's unlikely that they refer to heaven—for heaven needs no restoration. It seems more likely that they allude to the restoration of the earth to its former godly state, prior to man's sin, when God reigned and walked the earth with His creation (Genesis 2). In addition, there are many verses in Psalms, Isaiah, and Zechariah that point to Jerusalem as being the center of millennial activity.

• "And the Redeemer will come to Zion" (Isaiah 59:20); • "The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem;... then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy" (Joel 3:16–17); • "This is what the Lord says: 'I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountains of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain.... Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with cane in hand because of his age. The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there'" (Zechariah 8:3–4). These are covenant verses that God has made with His people. One could hardly make a case that these covenant promises have already been fulfilled. God never breaks His promises, so one would assume that these promises will be fulfilled during the 1000 years. Regardless of what each of us believes about the 1000 years, that which unites us all as Christians is the living hope, the return of Jesus Christ. Our various understandings of the future and the Millennium will, without exception, pale in the radiant light of God's presence with His people (Revelation 21:22–23).

Satan Bound, Revelation 20:1–3:...Satan's expulsion from heaven in chapter 12 was connected with the start of the Great Tribulation (the final 3½ years of Satan's dominion of the earth); here Satan's binding is connected with the second advent of Christ. Some think the two passages refer to the same event, but in chapter 12 Satan made trouble for the earth, while here he is kept from making trouble. The Abyss (bottomless pit; 20:1) was the home of demons (Luke 8:31). Satan's domain, presided over by one of his archangels (Revelation 9:11), now becomes his prison. He had been the ruler of this world, but will not be during the Millennium. The Abyss is not the lake of burning sulfur (v. 10), which will be the final destination of the Devil.

The Millennial Reign, Revelation 20:4–6 ..It will last 1000 years. This is understood by some to be a literal 1000 years, the final 1000 years or "Sabbath rest." Some take it to mean an indefinitely long time. If the expression in 2 Peter 3:8 —"One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"—were applied here, it might mean, in God's chronology, anywhere from one day to 360,000 years.

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The first resurrection (20:5). Many believe that the second sentence of v. 5 really refers to v. 4—meaning that the first resurrection occurs at the beginning of the millennial reign. A second resurrection is not mentioned, but the expression "the rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended" indicates that there will be two resurrections, one before and one after the Millennium. The rest of the unsaved dead will remain in their graves until the end of the Millennium and will be raised for the Great White Throne Judgment (v. 11).

Satan's Final Doom, Revelation 20:7–10:..Babylon, the beast, and the false prophet—the agencies through which Satan had done his destructive work—have been destroyed (chaps. 17–19), and Satan's own time has come at last. He makes a furious but brief and futile effort to regain his hold on the earth. Magog (20:8) is the general name of the northern nations of Japheth's posterity (Genesis 10:2). Gog is their prince. In Ezekiel 38–39 they attack God's people from the north. Here they are from the "four corners of the earth." Probably these names are used to refer to the enemies of God from among all nations. How could Satan muster such a vast following, when he had been bound for 1000 years and there had been a reign of righteousness? The answer lies in the fact that, like now, the people living during the Millennium will have free will, just as God created them from the beginning.

Procreation of the earth (Revelation 20:6). As mentioned before, those resurrected at the start of the 1000 years will have resurrected or glorified bodies and will not bear children. However, there are potentially two other groups of people who enter the Millennium: (1) those who had been sealed by God and protected so that they survived the tribulation period and entered into the 1000 years (including but perhaps not limited to the 144,000 who were sealed; chap. 7); and (2) perhaps others who survived through the Tribulation but neither accepted Christ nor took the mark of the beast during this time. It is assumed that these two groups of people will enter the 1000 years and will have children who, like us, will be born with a sinful nature. With Christ living in their midst and Satan bound in the Abyss, it is likely that most people living during the 1000 years will accept Christ as their Savior. However, it is likely that the inherent sin nature of man over time will also result in many who choose to ignore the salvation message. "Thus the Millennium will prove ... that a perfect earthly environment and even universal knowledge of the Lord will not change men's hearts" (Charles Ryrie).

Satan is released for a short time (Revelation 20:7). When evil is not real to an individual, there seems to be no compelling reason to need a Savior. This is a very real problem in today's generation, because it is not "politically correct" to talk about evil or about Satan—even in many of today's churches! For this reason, perhaps, God releases the Devil at the end of the 1000 years so that he becomes real to people and hopefully they are compelled to accept Christ as their Savior. Nevertheless, there will be countless multitudes of people at the end of the 1000 years who reject Christ and team with Satan in his one last attempt to make war with God. Once again, God's enemies surround His Holy City, Jerusalem. In an instant God devours them with fire. The lake of burning sulfur (v. 10) is the final destination of Satan, the beast, the false prophet, and the lost. It may surprise some that Satan does not reach his final destination in hell until after the Millennium. Many people grow up thinking that Satan is a little red guy with horns and a pitchfork who wanders around hell waiting for lost souls. Nothing could be further from the truth. Satan is "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2 kjv), he is "the god of this age" (2 Corinthians 4:4). He and his demonic army are free to roam the heavens and the earth until he is cast out of heaven (Revelation 12:7–9), halfway through the seven years of tribulation. After this, he is restricted to roaming only the earth for 3½ years during the Great Tribulation. With Christ's return, he is bound and chained in the Abyss for the 1000 years and then released at the end for just a short time. Finally, he is cast into the lake of burning sulfur where he, along with all lost souls, will live on and on in torment, "day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10).

The Final Judgment, Revelation 20:11–15:...This passage contains one of the Bible's most personal messages. We ought to read it often. It will help us to be ready to answer the roll call. The flight of the earth and sky from the presence of Him who sat upon the "great white throne" (v. 11) may have been by fire (2 Peter 3:10–12). Those who had already been judged have their judgment confirmed here, in the presence of the assembled universe. The judgment is complete. Every person from every era and every region will be there. Every deed and motive will have been recorded. It is the day spoken of by Paul in Romans 2:16 : "the day when God will judge men's secrets." The more we know ourselves, the more it will make us serious and thoughtful to think of this. There will be only two classes: the saved and the lost. The "books" contain the records of people's works. The Book of Life is a separate book that contains the names of all the redeemed. This includes people saved during the 1000 years and all those people who were part of the first resurrection: "Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them" (Revelation 20:6). The Great White Throne Judgment only applies to those people whose names are not written in the Book of Life. The "second death" is the final doom at the end, as distinguished from physical death, which is the lot of all humanity. It is here called the "lake of fire," the same thing Jesus talked about in the Gospels: the place where "the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:48)—"the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). Literal fire? Who knows? It may well be that a literal fire would be preferable over eternal torments of the soul, which would be more painful to the soul than fire is to the body. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zonervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 959-964)

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